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Sent: 3/28/2019 6:30:15 PM
To: Rodriguez, Roberto [Rodriguez.Roberto@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Hopi Tribe - Follow up to meeting with the White House

thanks

From: Rodriguez, Roberto
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Binder, Jonathan <Binder.Jonathan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hopi Tribe - Follow up to meeting with the White House

Please call me when you have a sec. thanks.

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From: Binder, Jonathan
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 11:21 AM
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Cc: Russell, Sam <russell.sam@epa.gov>; Gude, Karen <Gude.Karen@epa.gov>
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Thanks Roberto. I'll take the next steps and keep you (and OW) in the loop. Can you let me know who reviewed the summary. I ask because I'll be asked....

Jonathan

From: Rodriguez, Roberto
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2019 2:14 PM
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Jonathon,

Per your request, below is a summary of Region 9's work at Hopi. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Hopi Tribe- HAMP and Open Drinking Water Enforcement Actions

EPA Region 9's ongoing efforts to address arsenic contamination at the Hopi Tribe (Tribe) includes the Hopi Arsenic Mitigation Project (HAMP). The HAMP is a regional pipeline project intended to bring compliant source water to affected Hopi Villages and the Hopi Cultural Center. Since 2004, EPA has contributed \$9 million and the Indian Health Service (IHS) has contributed \$12 million toward the project. The EPA funding thus far has been used for planning activities and

the completion of two new source water wells in 2014. All EPA contributions come from the drinking water tribal set aside funds (DWTSA). All IHS contributions come from their Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) regular funding. Additionally, the Hopi Tribe is contributing approximately \$1.1 million toward the HAMP. Current cost estimates to complete the HAMP project is approximately \$24M (including planning and capital costs).

The Hopi Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe, the Hopi Villages are self-governing entities located within the Hopi Reservation and are not federally-recognized Indian Tribes. In 2018, Region 9's Enforcement Division issued Unilateral Administrative Orders (UAOs) to three affected Hopi Villages (First Mesa Consolidated Villages, Shungopavi Village and Sipaulovi/Mishongnovi Village) Public Water Systems (PWSs), and entered into an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) with the Tribe for the Hopi Cultural Center in 2016. The UAOs and AOC recognize the HAMP as the solution to the arsenic violations. The Village PWSs and the Cultural Center are out of compliance with the arsenic Running Annual Average MCL of 10 ppb.

Region 9's Enforcement Division is also conducting a compliance assistance project to assist the Villages in identifying transitional challenges and next steps associated with their participation in the HAMP. This project is a 2018 OECA EPM grant award to RCAC for \$10,000 and will feature on-site workshops. Region 9 is working with the Hopi Tribe and Hopi Villages to return the PWSs to compliance.

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Subject: FW: Hopi Tribe - Follow up to meeting with the White House
Importance: High

Hi Roberto

See the following message from EPA's Intergovernmental Relations Office. I assume you've already got a short summary that we would be responsive – one that covers both the HAMP and the enforcement action. I've already spoken with the OECA public affairs person who will give an FYI to your folks.

Can you please give me a call to discuss. We don't want this to create a lot of work.

Thanks

Jonathan

From: Carter, Brittany S.
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Binder, Jonathan <Binder.Jonathan@epa.gov>
Subject: Hopi Tribe

Hi Jonathan,

White House Intergovernmental Affairs met with Chairman Nuvangyaoma from the Hopi Tribe of Northern Arizona on March 15.

One issue they raised was the arsenic is naturally occurring in their water system. That they are trying to work with EPA & HHS to find mitigation efforts – was curious if you had a readout on that and enforcement. Just a summary would be helpful. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

Best regards,

-Britt

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